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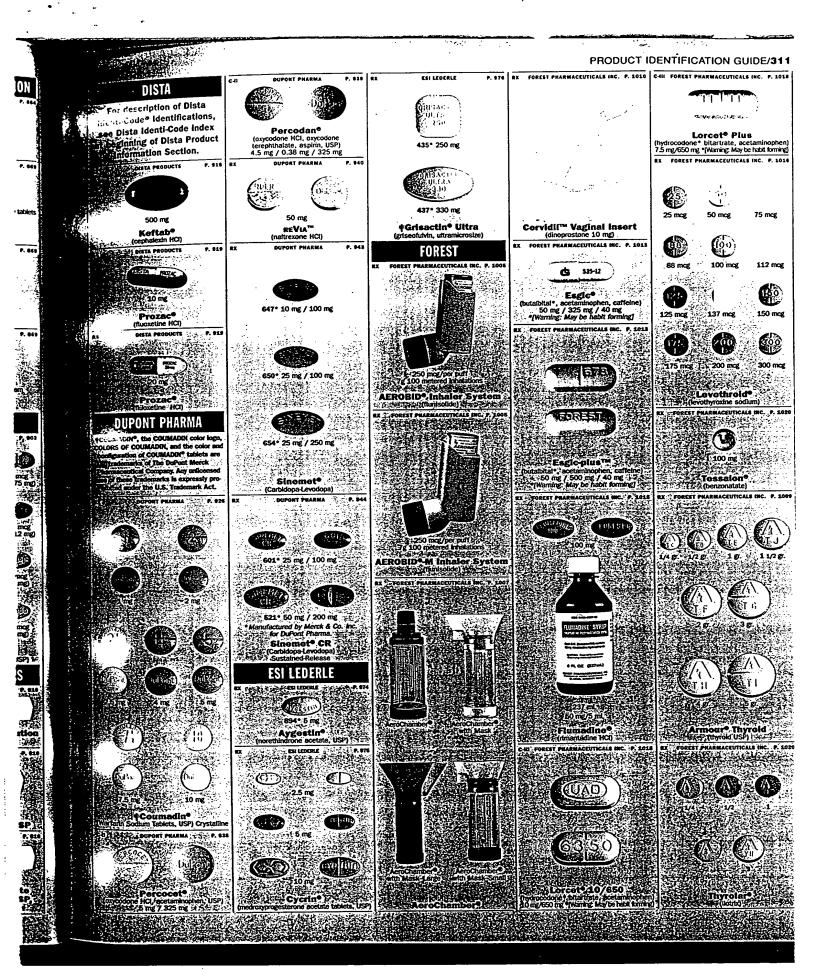
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Skin and Appendages - Exfoliative dermatitis, toxic epidermal necrolysis, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, and alopecia.

Digestive System - Aphthous ulcerations of the buccal mucosa, metallic taste, and pancreatitis.

Cardiovascular - Atrial fibrillation, pulmonary edema, electrocardiographic changes, and supraventricular tachycardia.

Nervous System - Depression, disorientation, seizures, and trigeminal neuralgia.

Special Senses -Burning tongue, diplopia, and optic neuritis

Miscellaneous -- Personality change, lymphadenopathy, mastodynia, and fever.

## OVERDOSAGE

Signs and Symptoms -Symptoms of overdose appear within several hours and generally involve the gastrointestinal and central nervous systems. They include dyspepsia, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, dizziness, headache, ataxia, tinnitus, tremor, drowsiness, and confusion. Hyperpyrexia, tachycardia, hypotension, and acute renal failure may occur rarely following overdose. Respiratory depression and metabolic acidosis have also been reported following overdose with certain NSAIDs.

Treatment -To obtain up-to-date information about the treatment of overdose, a good resource is your certified Regional Poison Control Center. Telephone numbers of certified poison control centers are listed in the Physicians' Desk Reference (PDR). In managing overdosage, consider the possibility of multiple drug overdoses, interaction among drugs, and unusual drug kinetics in your patient.

Protect the patient's airway and support ventilation and perfusion. Meticulously monitor and maintain, within acceptable limits, the patient's vital signs, blood gases, serum electrolytes, etc. Absorption of drugs from the gastrointestinal tract may be decreased by giving activated charcoal, which, in many cases, is more effective than emesis or lavage; consider charcoal instead of or in addition to gastric emptying. Repeated doses of charcoal over time may elimination of some drugs that have been absorbed. Safeguard the patient's airway when employing gastric emptying or charcoal.

Alkalinization of the urine, forced diuresis, peritoneal dialysis, hemodialysis, and charcoal hemoperfusion do not enhance systemic drug elimination.

# DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Analgesia -For the treatment of mild to moderate pain, the recommended dosage is 200 mg every 4 to 6 hours, as needed.

Rheumatoid Arthritis and Osteoarthritis—The suggested dosage is 300 to 600 mg, 3 or 4 times a day. The dose should be tailored to the needs of the patient and may be increased or decreased depending on the severity of the symptoms. Dosage adjustments may be made after initiation of apy or during exacerbations of the disease. Total daily dosage should not exceed 3,200 mg.

If gestrointestinal complaints occur, Nalfon® (Fenoprofen

lcium, USP) may be administered with meals or with milk. Although the total amount absorbed is not affected, peak blood levels are delayed and diminished.

Patients with rheumatoid arthritis generally seem to require larger doses of Nalfon than do those with osteoarthritis. The smallest dose that yields acceptable control should employed.

Although improvement may be seen in a few days in many patients, an additional 2 to 3 weeks may be required to gauge the full benefits of therapy.

# **HOW SUPPLIED**

(B) Pulvules:

200 mg\* (white and ocher) (No. 415)—(Identi-Code† H76) (RxPak† of 100) NDC 0777-0876-02

300 mg\* (yellow and ocher) (No. 416)—(Identi-Codet H77) (RxPakt of 100) NDC 0777-0877-02; (500s) NDC 0777-0877-03

(B) Tablets (DISTA imprinted on one side, NALFON on other side):

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Equivalent to fenoprofen.

† Identi-Code® (formula identification code, Dista).

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**PROZAC®** lorá 'zák l (fluoxetine hydrochloride)

### DESCRIPTION

Prozac® (Fluoxetine Hydrochloride) is an antidepressant for oral administration; it is chemically unrelated to tricy clic, tetracyclic, or other available antidepressant agents. It is designated (±) N-methyl-3-phenyl-3-[(a,a,a-trifluoro-p-tolyl) axylpropylamine hydrochloride and has the empirical formula of C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO·HCl. Its molecular weight is 345.79. The structural formula is:

Fluoxetine hydrochloride is a white to off-white crystalline

solid with a solubility of 14 mg/mL in water.

Each Pulvule® contains fluoxetine hydrochloride equivalent to 10 mg (32.3  $\mu$ mol) or 20 mg (64.7  $\mu$ mol) of fluoxetine. The Pulvules also contain F D & C Blue No. 1, gelatin, iron oxide, silicone, starch, titanium dioxide, and other inactive

The oral solution contains fluoxetine hydrochloride equivalent to 20 mg/5 mL (64.7  $\mu$ mol) of fluoxetine. It also contains alcohol 0.23%, benzoic acid, flavoring agent, glycerin, purified water, and sucrose.

# CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

Pharmacodynamics - The antidepressant and antiobsessive compulsive action of fluoxetine is presumed to be linked to its inhibition of CNS neuronal uptake of serotonin. Studies at clinically relevant doses in man have demonstrated that fluoxetine blocks the uptake of serotonin into human platelets. Studies in animals also suggest that fluoxeting much more potent uptake inhibitor of serotonin than of porepinephrine

Antagonism of muscarinic, histaminergic, and a 1 adrenergic receptors has been hypothesized to be associated with various anticholinergic, sedative, and cardiovascular effects of classical tricyclic antidepressant drugs. Fluoretine binds to these and other membrane receptors from brain tissue much s potently in vitro than do the tricyclic drugs

Absorption, Distribution, Metabolism, and Excretion:
Systemic Bioavailability—In man, following a single oral 40
mg dose, peak plasma concentrations of fluoretine from 15 to
55 ng/mL are observed after 6 to 8 hours.

The Pulvule and oral solution dosage forms of fluoxetine are bioequivalent. Food does not appear to affect the systemic bioavailability of fluoretine, although it may delay its ab-sorption inconsequentially. Thus, fluoretine may be administered with or without food

Protein Binding—Over the concentration range from 200 to 1,000 ng/mL, approximately 94.5% of fluoretine is bound in vitro to human serum proteins, including albumin and an glycoprotein. The interaction between fluoretine and other protein-bound drugs has not been fully evaluated, but may be important (see Precautions).

Enantiomers—Fluoxetine is a racemic mixture (50/50) of R-fluoxetine and S-fluoxetine enantiomers. In animal models. both enantiomers are specific and potent serotonin uptake inhibitors with essentially equivalent pharmacologic activity. The S-fluoxetine enantiomer is eliminated more slowly and is the predominant enantiomer present in plasma at steady state

Metabolism—Fluoretine is extensively metabolized in the liver to norfluoretine and a number of other, unidentified metabolites. The only identified active metabolite, norfluoretine, is formed by demethylation of fluoretine. In animusetine, is formed by demethylation of fluoretine. In animusetine, is formed by demethylation of fluoretine. mal models, S-norfluoxetine is a potent and selective inhibitor of servitonin uptake and has activity essentially equivalent to R - or S -fluoxetine. R -norfluoxetine is significantly less potent than the parent drug in the inhibition of seroto nin uptake. The primary route of elimination appear epatic metabolism to inactive metabolites excreted by the kidnev.

Clinical Issues Related to Metabolism/Elimination -The complexity of the metabolism of fluoxetine has several consequences that may potentially affect fluoxetine's

Variability in Metabolism—A subset (about 7%) of the population has reduced activity of the drug metabolizing enzyme cytochrome PA450IID6. Such individuals are referred to as

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